

got over her accident -
Accept our affectionate best wishes
for yourself - Mrs Gray
Always sincerely yours

John Ball

Of course you know all about
Hooker's retirement from Kew.
I am glad to say that there is no
doubt about the succession. Dyer
has received the official offer of
the appointment, & I suppose will

very soon be formally appointed -

I found Harriet better & stronger
than I had seen her for a long time
but she will always be a delicate
person requiring care & unfit
for fatigue.

10 Southwell Gardens S.W.
1 Dec^r 1885

My dear Gray. Although it is nearly
three weeks since we returned to England
I have been so occupied with matters out-
of my line - family business & the like -
that I have had very little time for
botany. Only within a few days have
found time to go thro' the parcels
that were awaiting me at Leeds.

I find that you have added to my
former obligations by sending me a
very nice set with several plants
entirely new to me & full of interest.

I fear that you will think the
S. American plants, that have I hope
now reached you, a very poor
return for all your liberality.

I hope you will forgive me for
bothering you but the question
is one which no one else can
solve - I have been for some
time doubting whether the genus

Galvesia founded on G. lineensis
Juss. first collected in Peru by Donday
can be kept apart from Antirrhinum
Once you give up the closed mouth of
the corolla as a generic character
for the latter I don't see what is to
separate them -

I find that Galvesia lineensis is pretty nearly
intermediate between the two Gambelias
your A. speciosum & A. junceum (Maurandia Benthamii)
the base of the corolla is more gibbous therefore
more Antirrhinoid & the only character left
is a slight thickening & still slighter bilobation
of the tip of the style - But in the Gen. Pl. Bentham
judging from the fig. & description of Saccularia
Veatchii Kellogg in Proc. Calif. Acad. ii. 17 sets
that down as a second sp. of Galvesia -

You have in the Syn. Fl., pretty perhaps
deliberately, omitted all referred to Kellogg's
Saccularia - That plant came from Cerros
Island and I observe that you give Cerros
as a locality for Ant. junceum - I have
today compared the original specimens
of A. junceum collected by Widd's with
Kellogg's fig. & description & I am

persuaded that Saccularia & A. junceum
are the same thing - saving only that
Widd's specimen appears to be quite smooth
while Saccularia if correctly described is
slightly glandular & pubescent - I suspect
that Kellogg's figure represents the lobes of
the corolla rather longer & more patent
than they really are - and as to his
miniature representation of the entire bush it
is obviously quite wrong. Galvesia comes
into a little paper that I am about to
send to the Linn. Socy, & therefore it is that
before I commit myself I turn to you for
light

I expect in a few days to send you a paper
already in type, but not out of the
printer's hands, containing some speculations
as to the history of the S. American flora
as to which I shall hope when you have
a few minutes spare time to learn
your judgement

Meantime we should both be very
glad to hear a good account of
you & Mrs Gray - my wife
has very nearly 40 (but not complete)